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TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 1922.

**BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY**

**RIGHTEOUSNESS PAYS.**—  
Better is a little with righteous-  
ness, than great revenues with-  
out right.—Proverbs 16:8.

**EXACT THE FULL PENALTY**

An automobile driven in a  
sane way, carefully, by a sober  
person is dangerous enough to  
life under any circumstances,  
but a car driven by a drunken,  
irresponsible person becomes a  
death dealing instrument and is  
a menace to any one traveling  
the highways. There is a State  
law providing the penalty for  
driving a car while in an intoxi-  
cated condition and this law  
should be enforced to the letter  
in every instance of violation.

If reports are true that the  
negro who smashed the buggy on  
the Hobgood road opposite the  
Ferrell Farm Sunday was in an  
intoxicated condition, or even  
had been drinking, and was not  
showing proper regard for the  
rules of the road and did not  
give the driver of the buggy suf-  
ficient passing room, he should  
be prosecuted to the full extent  
of any existing laws regardless  
of what influence may be  
brought to bear, and the law abid-  
ing citizens of this town and com-  
munity should make it their  
business to see that it is done  
even to the extent of employing  
a prosecutor, if necessary.

Any man, rich or poor, white  
or colored, who drives a car up  
on the highways in an intoxicated  
condition is not only endang-  
ering his own life, but is a menace  
to the public, and regardless of  
whom he may be he should be  
severely dealt with. We believe  
the opportunity has presented it-  
self to make an example and if  
the trial brings out the facts as  
reported no leniency should be  
shown.

**STILL THEY DO IT**

We had something to say yester-  
day about the mutilation of  
the streets by tractors and such  
vehicles. This still continues.  
Yesterday afternoon a tractor  
was driven across the street in  
the Clarksville section which cut  
deep gashes into the surface as-  
phalt almost to its full thickness.  
Unless this is repaired immedi-  
ately and the sand and dirt kept  
out it will mean a large repair  
bill.

We understand that there is  
no ordinance covering this spec-  
ific thing, but it certainly would  
come under the head of damage  
to public property and should be  
so prosecuted.

The commissioners should  
not delay any longer passing a  
specific ordinance covering such  
violations and then it should be  
drastically enforced.

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Roanoke Rapids, N. C.,  
June 7th, 1922.

Editor The Commonwealth:

There is recorded in the min-  
utes of the Halifax County Road  
Commission, under date of May  
1st 1922, the following:

"Mr. Chase stated that he at-  
tended the Democratic County  
Convention held in Halifax on  
April 15th 1922, and that after  
the Road Board had been criti-  
cized by several men attending  
that Convention in general and  
by a member of the Road Board  
in particular, to such an extent  
that he could not refrain from  
answering the criticisms made,  
believing them to be unfair and  
unjust to the Road Board, that  
he attempted to defend the Road  
Board. Mr. Chase further stated  
that further it had been brought  
to his attention that Mr. Paul  
Kitchin and his friends consid-  
ered his remarks as being a per-  
sonal attack upon Mr. Kitchin.  
Mr. Chase further stated, before  
the meeting of the Road Board,  
that it was not his intention to  
make a personal attack upon  
Mr. Kitchin and did not consid-  
er he had done this, but if he  
had said anything which could  
be taken as a personal reflection  
upon the character of Mr. Kitchin  
that he (Mr. Chase) stood  
ready to make an apology for  
such and that if Mr. Kitchin felt  
that he (Mr. Chase) had attack-  
ed him personally that he (Mr.  
Chase) does now offer to Mr.  
Kitchin an apology."

It is further recorded, on the  
above mentioned minutes, that  
Mr. Kitchin accepted the apology  
offered to him by Mr. Chase, and  
at the suggestion and request of  
Mr. Kitchin, Mr. Chase agreed  
to have the statement, as above,  
Published.

Very truly yours,  
J. T. CHASE.

**DEDICATED TO MR.  
VOLSTEAD**

"Whatever else may happen  
since all our country has gone  
dry  
The sailor still will have his port.  
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And their customers get less wild,  
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I peg away as I go,  
For my stitches never sever.  
Shoemakers come and shoemakers go,  
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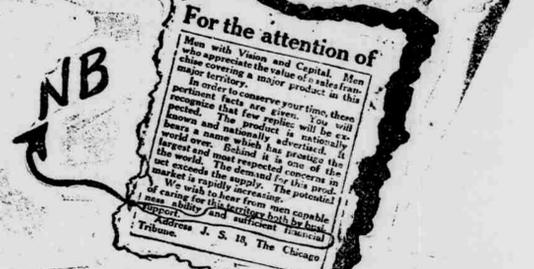
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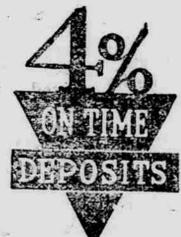
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